

The Daily Courant.

Wednesday, January 20. 1703.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Jan. 23.

Rome, December 30.

ON Christmas-Eve the Pope heard Vespers in the Chappel of the Vatican, accompany'd by the Sacred College; The Bells were rung all over the City, the Guns were discharg'd round the Castle of St. Angelo according to Custom, and at night 11 Cardinals were entertain'd at Supper by the Steward of the Pope's Household: After which his Holiness, accompany'd by those Prelates, assisted at the Mass which was celebrated at Midnight.

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Dec. 28. On Christmas-day the Pope officiated in his Pontifical Habit in St. Peter's Church, and in the middle of the Service, pronounc'd a Homily on the Mytery of the Birth of Jesus Christ, which was very Eloquent, and full of Passages of Scripture. The Tiber has overflow'd all the flat Country, and several Streets of the lower part of this City, especially behind the Vatican: And 'tis believ'd, that unless the Water falls very shortly, his Holiness will be oblig'd to return to Montecavallo, as well because of the bad Air which the Flood may occasion, as for that they are forc'd to make use of Boats to land at some parts of the Palace. Since the Departure of Cardinal Grimani, the Heer Caunitz Auditor of the Rota for Germany, goes often to the Palace, the Management of some of the Emperor's Affairs being committed to his Care.

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Rome, Dec. 30. Before the Holidays, his Holiness held a Congregation on the present Juncture of Affairs in Italy; in which it was resolv'd, after mature deliberation, to grant leave both to the Imperialists and the French, to buy a certain Quantity of Corn and Forrage, in the Ecclesiastical State, for the Subsistence of their Armies; but on Condition that none of their Parties shall make Incurfions into the Bolognese nor the Ferrareze. The Cardinal Legate of Bologna has sent Advice to the Pope, of some Disorders committed by the Troops of both Armies in that Province; and at the same time acquainted him, that his Troops which were garrison'd in Placentia, were march'd out of it, to cover the Frontier of the Dutchy of Parma, against the Incurfions of the French. His Holiness has likewise been inform'd that whereas he sent a Brief to his Nuncio Signior Patrici at Naples, constituting him Vicar-General of that Archbishoprick, the Chapter have refus'd to submit to it, alledging it would be an infraction of their Immunities, and that that Function does of right belong to one of their own Members, and that indeed they had chosen one from among themselves before his Holiness's Brief in favour of Signior Patrici came to them. The Waters of the Tiber are return'd into their Channel, after having done a great deal of Damage both here and in the Country. The Governor of this City, by Virtue of an Order from the Pope, has set People at work to cleanse the Streets and Cellars, which were fill'd with Mud by the overflowing of the River, lest it

should infect the Air, and breed Distempers: And for the same reason the Inhabitants of the Suburb of St. Peter are forbid using the Water of their Wells, which are spoil'd. Last Night, at 8 a Clock, Signior Zecadero, the Secretary for Letters in Cypher, was shot Dead, as he was going from the Pope's Closet to his own Apartment in the Vatican; The Assassin is not yet discover'd, tho' great Search is made after him; but there was found pinn'd to the Secretary's Cloaths, a Paper with these words in Print, *Learn to Speak better of other Men.*

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Trent, Jan. 1. Two days ago, in the Afternoon, there appear'd on the Lake of Garda, near Riva, several large Barks having French Troops on Board; immediately an Alarm was given by firing of Cannon at Riva, and the Castle of Peneda; upon which we fell to work to put this City of Trent into a better condition of Defence, all the regular Troops and the Militia of the Country round us were call'd to their Arms, the Avenues were barricado'd, all the Bridges on the Sarca and other Rivers that fall into the Lake of Garda were broken down, and several Thousand Men were sent towards Riva. But Yesterday an Express came with Advice, that the Enemy were retir'd towards Dezenzano, after they had stood 3 Discharges from all the Cannon of Riva. There is no likelihood of their making another Attempt at Bergette and Avi, because we have posted 4000 Men there, and have 5000 more in Arms in the Neighbourhood of this Place.

From the Paris Gazette a la main, dated Jan. 19.

'Tis said the Enterprize which the Count de Medavi was to have executed in the Trentin has miscarried, through the fault of some Commissaries of Provisions, who did not exactly observe their Orders; and for that the Germans, being acquainted with his Designs by the Governour of Pesciara, sent some Troops to strengthen the Garrisons of certain Posts, of which the Count was to have possess'd himself.

Count Albergotti is return'd from the Incurfion which he made into the lower Modeneze with 21 Companies of Grenadiers, and 20 Troops of Horse and Dragoons of 40 Men each. On the 24th of December he arriv'd near San Giacomo, within a Mile of Mirandola, where he halted, and detach'd 200 Horse and as many Grenadiers, to take a View of San Giacomo; who being advanc'd within a Musquet shot of it, 100 Peasants fir'd upon them, and kill'd one of our Officers and a Grenadier; upon which Count Albergotti charg'd them, kill'd 40, and drove the rest into San Giacomo, which was attack'd, carried, Sword in Hand, by our Men, and Pillag'd.

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Hague, January 23. They write from Berlin of the 13th of last Month, that the King of Prussia will set out for Holland in April or May, and reside, during the Summer, either at the Hague or Housfledyke; that great Preparations are making against the 18th, being the Day of his Coronation; that on the 20th, his Majesty will set out for Magdebourg.

Magdebourg to meet the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel; That from thence the Queen will go to Hanover to pass the Carnival: and that the New Levies for recruiting his Prussian Majesty's Forces are carry'd on very successfully.

London, January 20.

THE Precepts are issued from my Lord Mayor to the several Companies, to appear at Guildhall on Thursday the 21st instant to Elect a Chamberlain for this City: And 'tis Generally Reported, that Mr. Thomas Amy, who stood the great Poll with Sir Thomas Cuddeon, now stands very fair to be Electd into that Office.

Whereas it is Reported, That John Pery Citizen and Brewer of London, one of the Candidates for the Chamberlain's Place, Declines the same: These are to let his Friends know, that the said Report is Groundless; and he humbly Desires the Favour of his Fellow-Citizens, to Appear and Vote for him at the next Common-Hall, which is appointed to-morrow the 21st instant.

WE hear that Mr. DOCKWR's eminent Service to this City, in setting up the PENNY-POST, is so well rewarded by his Fellow-Citizens, that in kind Remembrance thereof, he stands fair for being elected Chamberlain of London to-morrow.

At the Desire of several Persons of Quality, for one day,

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, on Saturday next the 23d of January, will be perform'd a Consort of Musick by the best Masters, wherein the Famous Signiora Joanna Maria Lindebleim will sing several Songs in Italian and French, compos'd by Signior Saponi lately arriv'd from Italy. With several New Entertainments of Dancing by Monsieur Duruel lately arriv'd from the Opera at Paris, and by Mrs. Campien and others. To which will be added a Comedy of two Acts only, called, *The Country-House*. Also several Entertainments of Singing by Mr. Leveridge, Mr. Larcon and Mr. Hughes. The Boxes are to be open'd into the Pit, where none are to be admitted but by printed Tickets, not exceeding four hundred in number, at Five Shillings a Ticket. To be deliver'd at Mr. White's Chocolate-House in St. James-street, and at Will's Coffee-house and Tom's Coffee-house in Covent-Garden on Thursday and Friday next; And no Persons to be admitted in Masks.

IN or near the Old Play-house in Drury-Lane, on Monday last the 19th of January, a Watch was dropt, having a Tortoise-shell Case inlaid with Silver, a Silver Chain, and a Gold Seal Ring, the Arms a Cross Wavy and Chequer. Whoever brings it to Mr. Cibber at his House near the Bull-head Tavern in Old Spring-Garden at Charing-Cross, shall have Three Guineas Reward.

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